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INSTITUTE PROFILE

All India Institute of Speech and Hearing is a pioneer national organization advancing the causes of training, research, clinical care and public education on communication disorders.

Vision

To be a world-class institute for human resource development, conducting need-based research, striving for excellence in clinical services, creating awareness and public education in the field of communication disorders.

Mission

To promote, sustain and provide globally-competitive, ethically sound human resource, quality education, original research, clinical services and public awareness in the field of communication disorders.

Objectives

- Human resource development in the field of communication disorders
- Research in the field of communication disorders
- Clinical services for persons with communication disorders
- Public education

Accomplishments

- 🏆 College with Potential for Excellence by University Grants Commission
- 🏆 Centre of Advanced Research by University Grants Commission, Govt. of India
- 🏆 Science & Technology Institute by the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India
- 🏆 Centre of Excellence in the area of deafness by World Health Organization
- 🏆 Nodal Centre for Implementation of Prevention and Control of Deafness by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India
- 🏆 Centre of Excellence by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India.
- 🏆 'A' Grade accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, University Grants Commission, Govt. of India
- 🏆 Collaborative Organization for the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), a Govt. of India scheme under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- 🏆 Member, World Hearing Forum

Collaborating Organizations and Institutions

- ❁ All India Institute of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Haji Ali, Mumbai
- ❁ Dr. Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Baritayu, Ranchi, Jharkand
- ❁ Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi
- ❁ Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalburgi, Karnataka.
- ❁ Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
- ❁ Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- ❁ Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research, Puducherry
- ❁ Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Ajmer, Rajasthan
- ❁ Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College & Hospital, Mayaganj, Bhagalpur, Bihar
- ❁ Kings George's Medical University Hospital, Lucknow, U.P.
- ❁ Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Medical College, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- ❁ Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, Manipur
- ❁ Shri Chathrapathi Sahuji Maharaj Medical College, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- ❁ Srirama Chandra Bhanj Medical College, Cuttack, Orissa
- ❁ Sub-Divisional Hospital, Sagara, Karnataka
- ❁ Swami Vivekananda Memorial Hospital, Saraguru, Karnataka
- ❁ All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna
- ❁ Sri Devaraj Academy of Higher Education and Research, Kolar
- ❁ Kodagu Institute of Medical Science, Madikeri
- ❁ Belagavi Institute of Medical Science, Belagavi
- ❁ Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences, Bidar
- ❁ All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- ❁ Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna, Bihar
- ❁ Karnataka Institute of Medical Science, Hubballi

FOREWORD

I am presenting the 56th annual report and audited statements of accounts of the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing for the year 2020-21.

COVID-19 pandemic made the year 2020-21 extraordinary and challenging for the Institute. However, we responded swiftly and effectively in dealing with the situation. We suspended all the face-to-face engagements and harnessed online platforms to perform our activities. A Covid-19 Day Care Centre was set up in the campus to provide emergency support for corona positive cases among the staff and students. An Institutional committee was constituted to formulate standard operating procedures in adherence to the Government guidelines from time to time. The Committee carefully monitored and took proper steps, enabling other staff members to focus on delivering their assigned job responsibilities. It was a matter of gratification that we could get all our staff and students vaccinated against corona virus in the early days of vaccine availability in the country. I congratulate our ENT Department in taking a lead role in the vaccination drive at the Institute.



The Executive Council of the Institute met after four years gap on 22nd July 2020 in virtual mode. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, chaired the meeting, which deliberated various policy matters related to the Institute. The Standing Finance Committee also met during the reporting year under the chairpersonship of Mrs. Vandana Gurnani, I.A.S., Additional Secretary (Health), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India on 14th December 2020 in virtual mode.

The Institute secured a membership in the prestigious World Health Forum, an organ of the World Health Organization, in recognition of its contribution to the promotion of the World Hearing Day 2021 through various programmes and activities over a span of one month.

We could shift quickly to online mode during the lockdown period and deliver all our academic programmes online without any time delay. Also, the students were extended with emotional and mental health support, especially for those who continued to live on campus. As in the previous year, we offered 18 long-term academic programmes on communication disorders and allied fields, and 257 students were admitted. Unlike previous years, in 2020-21, National Level Entrance Examinations were conducted in online mode in nine centres across the country to admit the students.

Even with the pandemic restrictions, the Institute faculty, research staff, and students managed to publish 97 articles in reputed scientific journals, 86 papers in in-house journals, and 16 books/ book chapters. Also, 19 scientific papers were presented in seminars and conferences. In addition to the Govt. of India research funding agencies like the Department of Science and Technology, we successfully got an international research fund from the United Nation's Global Partnership for Assistive Technology during the reporting year.

The clinical assessment and rehabilitation of communication disorders were provided in both physical and virtual mode. Seventeen WhatsApp groups were formed to ensure hurdle-free access to

our clinical services during the pandemic. We received a lot of appreciation and positive feedback from our clinical clients for the same. Totally, 13,432 clients were registered newly for availing clinical services during the reporting year.

Our ambition to reachout and serve the people with communication disorders in the country was further strengthened with the establishment of seven more Outreach Service Centres (OSC) across the country. Of these, one OSC was inaugurated at the Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences, Madikeri by Shri. V. Somanna, Hon'ble Housing Minister, Govt. of Karnataka, and Shri. Prathap Simha, Member of Parliament, Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency on 3rd October 2020. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, in the presence of Shri. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Hon'ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India inaugurated another six OSCs on 3rd March 2021 in virtual mode. In addition to the services provided at the OSCs, the Institute continued to provide school screening, industrial screening, and elderly screening. I am proud to report that we organized 70 camps for screening communication disorders and assessed more than five thousand people for communication disorders during the reporting year. The camps include the ones conducted at Gujarat in commemoration of the historic Dandi March.

We broadened our public education activities by organizing various programmes and activities over several media and platforms, reaching millions of people across the country and world. The World Hearing Day celebrations of the Institute attracted international attention consecutively for the second time in 2021. Under AIISH AISIRI, a radio programme initiated in collaboration with the All India Radio for creating public awareness on communication disorders, the experts of the Institute delivered 23 talks in 2020-21. In addition, several awareness programmes were conducted through other radio and television channels, including Doordarshan. We enhanced our social media activities by creating accounts on Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube, and improved our social media reach and engagements considerably. The faculty and staff made hundreds of live and animated videos during the lockdown period and disseminated them over social media platforms. Our routine public education activities like Monthly Public Lectures, sensitization programmes, publication of newspaper and magazine articles etc. were also continued during the reporting year.

The new Centre of Excellence building constructed by CPWD, with a functional area of 1,22,200 sq. ft. is getting ready to be opened in 2022. The civil work at the new Varuna campus, construction of therapy park, and up-gradation of IT infrastructure of the Institute are progressing. The Institute issued a Letter of Intent for Project Management Consultancy to M/s. National Projects Construction Corporation Ltd., for setting-up of infrastructure required for establishing an AIISH-like institute at Kanpur, U.P. Also, land acquisition is in progress to develop another AIISH-like institute at Agarthala, Tripura.

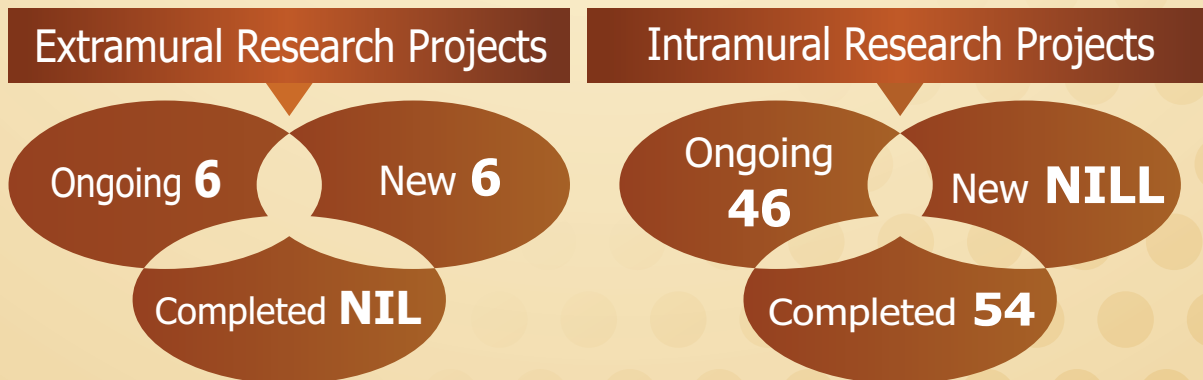
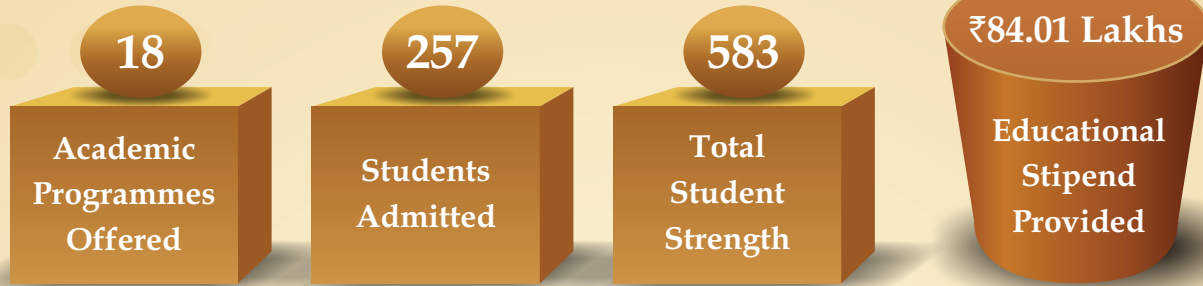
Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the Institute managed to perform above expectations in 2020-21, as evident from this report. I am grateful to our Ministry, Executive Council, Academic and Financial Sub-committees for supporting us in all our endeavours. I must also acknowledge that these achievements would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of the staff and students of the Institute. My sincere gratitude to them all.

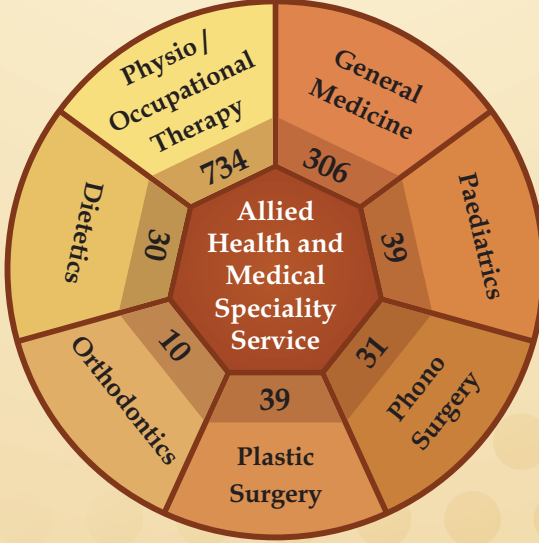
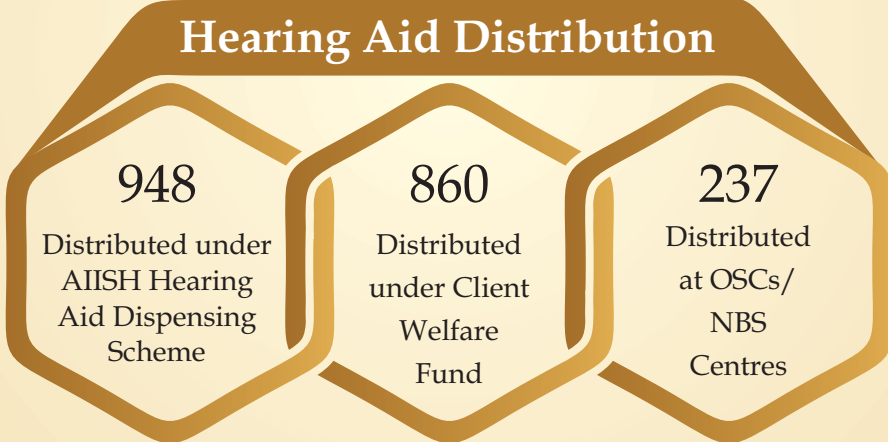
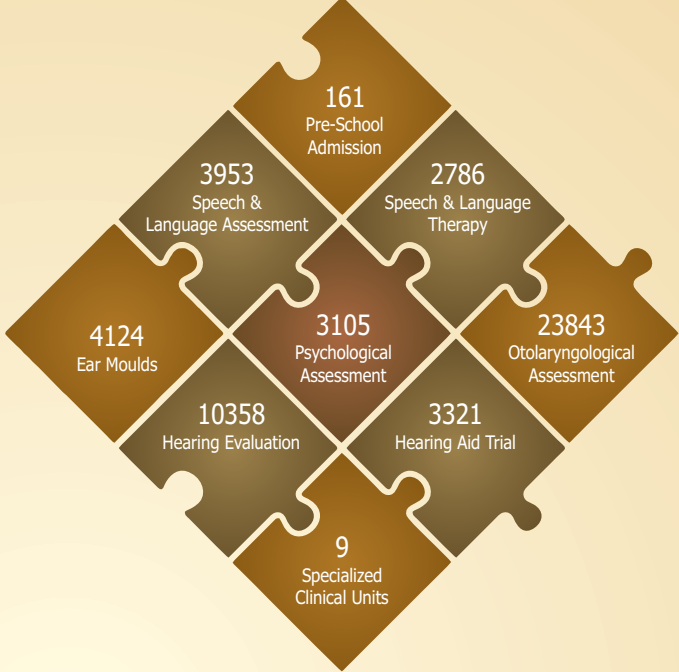
Even at the time of writing this report, the pandemic is continuing, and uncertainty prevails all over the world. I hope we will soon overcome all the challenges posed by the virus and have a prosperous future ahead.

Dr. M. Pushpavathi

Director

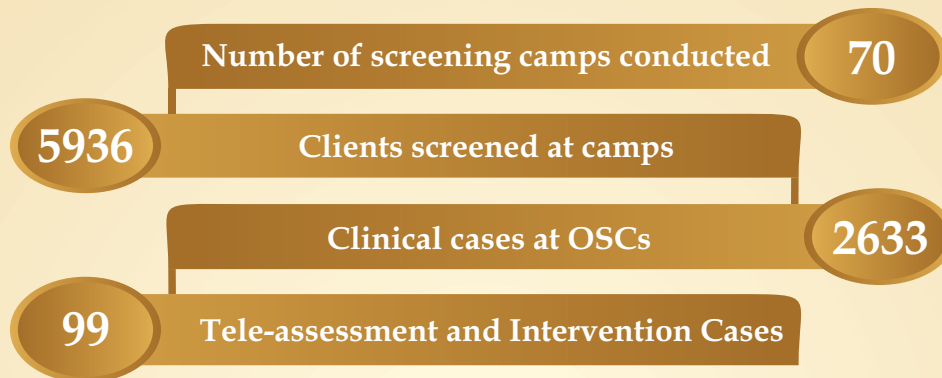
THE YEAR 2020-21 AT A GLANCE





Screening for Communication Disorders in Various Settings

New-born Screening		Industrial Screening	
Mysore City Hospitals	5442		490
Outreach Service Centres	8071	Student Screening	2642
New-born Screening Centres	20538	Elderly Screening	64
		Camp-based Screening	5936



Public Education

Monthly Public Lectures	9	Live videos	128
Animated videos	9	Public Education Books/ Slides	45
Live Phone-in Programmes	7	Orientation Programmes under REECH	15

Radio Programmes

AIISH AISIRI 23

Others 33

Television Programmes 10

Newspaper Reports / Articles 21

Social Media Posts

Facebook 306

LinkedIn 83

Instagram 107

Twitter 57

YouTube 151

